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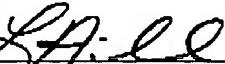
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated October 4, 2005.

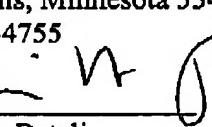
Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group II comprising claims 20-31 for examination. The basis for Applicants' traversal is that Applicants do not necessarily agree with, or wish to be bound by, the Examiner's rationale in proposing the request for restriction of examination.

Favorable examination is respectfully requested.



Respectfully submitted,

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